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2. EDWARD SEAGA WILL BE SWORN IN AS THE NEW PRIME MINSTER OF JAMAICA BY GOVERNOR GENERAL GLASSPOLE AT 1700 NOVEMBER 1. THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND FOREIGN PRESS HAVE BEEN INVITED AND AMBASSADOR WILL ATTEND.

3. THE AMBASSADOR DELIVERED THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGES (WH 810) OT SEAGA AT 0930 OCTOBER 31 AND TO PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AT 1200 OCTOBER 31. (SEE SEPTELS).

4. THE OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS HAVE STILL TO BE COMPLETED. AN ELECTION OFFICE SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THE COUNTING WOULD BE COMPLETED UNTIL NOVEMBER 1. THE FINAL NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE HOUSE IS STILL EXPECTED TO BE 51 FOR THE JLP AND 9 FOR THE PNP, WITH THE POSSIBILITYOF THE JLP PICKING UP ONE MORE IN THE CLOSE CONTEST IN WEST CENTRAL ANDREW BETWEEN PNP INCUMBENT OUCLEY THOMPSON AND JLP CANDIDATE OWEN STEPHENSON WHERE A RECOUNT IS POSSIBLE. A PNP SPOKESMAN INDICATED OCTOBER 31 THAT HIS PARTY WOULD WANT A MAGISTERIAL RECOUNT IN THE WEST CENTRAL ST. ANDREW CONTEST BETWEEN PNP INCUMBENT CARL THOMPSON AND JLP CANDIATE FERDIE YAP.

5. A STUNNED AND DEJECTED PNP GENERAL SECRETARY O.K. DUNCAN, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE EARLY OCTOBER 31 AT PARTY HEADQUARTERS MADE SEVERAL REMARKS OF INTEREST BEFORE PRIME MINISTER MANLEY READ HIS CONCESSION STATEMENT. HIS COMMENTS WERE CARRIED ON TELEVISION, RADIO AND IN THE DAILY GLEANER. DUNCAN ACCUSED CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE SECURITY FORCES OF "ABORTING DEMOCRACY" AND CHARGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN CASES IN WHICH SOLDIERS STOLE BALLOT BOXES AND DROVE AWAY PNP WORKERS WHO WERE TO ACCOMPANY BOXES TO COUNTING CENTERS. HE ACCUSED THE JLP OF CONDUCTING A CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE AND RESPECTED POLLSTER CARL STONE OF ATTEMPTING TO PREJUDICE THE PUBLIC BY HIS OPINION POLLS. AT THE SAME TIME, DUNCAN SAID THAT EVEN IF THE PNP FOCFETED "THIS BOURGEOIS DEMOCRATIC STAGE" UNDER THE JLP AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY HE WOULD CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR SOCIALISTIC DEMOCRACY. HE SAID HE AND THE MAJORITY OF JAMAICANS WOULD BE "GOING TO THE NEXT STAGE OF REVOLUTIONARY POLITICS." DUNCAN SAID HE HAD AFFAID HE AND MANLEY WOULD BE CHARGED WITH MURDER. (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO SEVERAL AMERICANS PRESENT, DUNCAN WAS IN A GREAT STATE OF AGITATION AND PRIME MINISTER MANLEY APPEARED EMBARRASSED BY HIS KEY LIEUTENANTS'S COMMENTS. MUCH OF THIS IS SOUR GRAPES BUT DUNCAN COULD PRESENT A LIMITED THREAT TO STABILITY IF HE USES VIOLENCE TO OPPOSE THE RESULTS.).

6. JUBILANT JLP SUPPORTERS WERE REPORTED CELEBRATING THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND ON OCTOBER 31. GROUPS PARADE THROUGH PARISH CAPITALS AND OTHER TOWNS, OFTEN RINGING CHURCH BELLS. CELEBRATORS WERE MORE RESTRINED IN THE KINGSTON AREA, ALTHOUGH THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS WERE REPORTEDLY FIRED INTO THE AIR AROUND JLP HEADQUARTERS LATE ELECTION NIGHT AND A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS REPORTEDLY THROWN AT THE NEARBY CUBAN EMBASSY.

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7. REPORTS OF VIOLENCE AND SHOOTINGS CONTINUED ON OCTOBER 31, LARGELY IN THE CORPORATE AREA BUT ON A LIMITED SCALE AND THE GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION IS CALM. THREE PNP CONSTITUENCY OFFICES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED (NORTH CENTRAL ST. ANDREW, EAST RURAL ST. ANDREW AND SOUT WEST ST. CATHERINE) AND THE HOME OF A PNP CAMPAIGN MANAGER WAS BURNED DOWN IN ST. ELIZABETH'S. A POLICE BODYGUARD ASSIGNED TO D.K. DUNCAN WAS ATTACKED AND WOUNDED. FIFTY MEN WERE REPORTED DETAINED BY POLICE IN THE AREA AROUND KI KINGSTON'S CENTRAL POLICE STATION FOLLOWING ATTACKS FROM LATE OCTOBER 30 UNTIL MIDDAY OCTOBER 31. THE SAME STATION WAS AGIN UNDER FIRE EARLY NNOVEMBER 1 AND ATTACKS ON POLICEMEN WLSEWHERE IN THE CORPORATE AREA WERE REPORTED OCTOBER 31. AN UNUSUAL NUMBER OF FIRE CALLS WERE REPORTED AND GUNMEN WERE REPORTED IN ONCE CASE TO HAVE FIRED ON FIREMEN WHO ARRIVED TO PUT OUT A BLAZE. GUNMEN KILLED ON-E AND WOUNDED FOUR EARLY NOVEMBER 1 AT A MAJOR INTERSECTION NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL. (COMMENT: WE HAVE FEW REPORTS OF POST-ELECTION VIOLENCE OUTSIDE OF THE KINGSTON AREA. IN THE CORPORATE AREA, SOME SCORES ARE OBVIOUSLY BEING SETTLED BY THE JLP AND WE SUSPECT SOME OF THE LEFTIST GUNMENT ARMED BY THE PNP ARE MAKING A HALF HEARTED ATTEMPT AT DISPLAYING THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION).

8. ONLY ONE INCIDENT HAS INVOLVED THE U.S. MISSION. AT ABOUT 1630 OCTOBER 31 A CAR WITH TWO OCCUPANTS SLOWED DOWN IN FRONT OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND FIRED ONE SHOT THROUGH THE GATE. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

9. MORE FATALITIES ON ELECTION DAY HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY THE POLICE, BRINGING THE TOTAL REPORTED KILLED THAT DAY TO TEN, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWS. THE DAILY GLEANER REPORTS A LOWER TOTAL OF THREE KILLED ON ELECTION DAY.

10. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM DOMINICA, BARBADOS, MONTSERRAT AND THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS AS WELL AS MAJOR RUBER MATOS, A LONG TIME CUBAN POLITICAL PRISONER DESCRIBED AS GENERAL SECRETARY OF "CUBA INDEPENDENCIA Y DEMOCRATICA" IN CARACAS.

11. JBC TELEVISION NEWS OCTOBER 31 CONTINUED ITS RADICAL REPORTING SLANT AND COMPLAINED THAT TSO CAMERAMEN WERE BARRED FROM JLP HEADQUARTERS ELECTION NIGHT.

12. IN A BALANCED EDITORIAL NOVEMBER 1, THE DAILY NEWS CONGRATULATED SEAGA AND THE JLP ON THEIR VICTORY AND DEPLORED POST-ELECTION ATTACKS ON POLICE STATIONS. THE PAPER STATES IT IS CLEAR THE PEOPLE DECIDED TO TRY THE POLICIES OF THE JLP AND THE RESULTS WERE A "CLEAR SLAP IN THE FACE OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM AND ENUNCIATED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE PNP". SUPPORTERS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE CALLED ON TO FORGET THE PAST AND THE PNP "MUST DECIDE ON ITS FUTURE AND HOW IT WILL BEHAVE AS A RESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION".
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